

I. DISCLOSURE

A. U.S. Patents

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
4,225,931	Schwefel	09/30/80
4,229,646	Burkhardt et al.	10/21/80
4,229,647	Burkhardt	10/21/80
4,594,538	Schmitt	06/10/86
4,594,579	Schmitt et al.	06/10/86
4,618,940	Schmitt	10/21/86
4,628,201	Schmitt	12/09/86
4,739,197	Schmitt	04/19/88

B. Foreign Patents

<u>Reference No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Pub. Date</u>
0 555 507	EPO	08/18/93

C. Pending Dr. Johannes Heidenhain GmbH Patent Applications

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
09/506,752	Feichtinger	02/18/00

II. DISCUSSION

A. European Patent Reference No. 0 555 507

The pertinence of the '507 patent reference is discussed at pages 1, 2, 5 and 8 of Applicant's specification.

III. CONCLUSION

It is believed that none of these references, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the invention claimed. However, Applicant wishes to make it clear that the disclosure of the above references is in no way an admission that they qualify as prior art. It is Applicant's desire, however, to have these references available in the record for both the Examiner and the public to see. Applicant therefore requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of each reference and make the above-listed references of record. Applicant also invites the Examiner to review the above-mentioned Heidenhain application, copy enclosed, and the art cited therein.

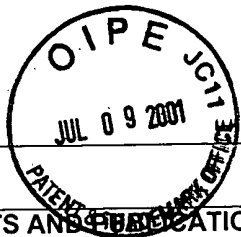
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REFERENCE DESIGNATION U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	A3	4,229,647	10/21/80	Burkhardt		
	A4	4,594,538	06/10/86	Schmitt		
	A5	4,594,579	06/10/86	Schmitt et al.		
	A6	4,618,940	10/21/86	Schmitt		
	A7	4,628,201	12/09/86	Schmitt		
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO
	A9	0 555 507	08/18/93	EPO		X

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)	
	A10	Pending Patent Application Assigned to Dr. Johannes Heidenhain GmbH: Serial No.: 09/506,752, Filing Date: 02/18/00, Inventor: Feichtinger

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